



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Suzanne Elefante (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Jennifer Lopez
Cynthia Schiesel
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair
Barbara O'Brien

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel
Stephen Nekolek

Advisory Members Absent:

Geoffrey Boyce
Kathleen May

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department
Robert Barton, Police Auditor
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney's Office

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Police Auditor
Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Assistant Police Chief John Leavitt, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sandy Sellers, Tucson Police Department
Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department
James Lacey, Citizen
Ana Smith, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting April 15, 2008

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Susan Elefante absent) to approve the minutes of April 15, 2008, with the following correction: Item 10, add the following words to the end of the sentence: "It was stated that Tucson Police Department (TPD) could contact the press with the correct information **when the incident had occurred.**"

3. First Call to the Audience

James Lacey stated he did not feel the investigation of the murder and disappearance of his mother was handled properly by the Tucson Police Department.

Susan Elefante arrived at 5:45 p.m.

4. Presentation: The history of CPARB and the future direction of the Board.

Item to be continued to the June 17, 2008, meeting.

5. Office of the Independent Police Auditor

- A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the Office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

In March 2008, the outreach efforts of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) conducted a presentation with the School Resource Officer (SRO) program at the Teen Academy. There was an outreach video used by the SROs to make presentations at schools in the Fall. Unfortunately, as a result of re-staffing of the SROs, the Police Department would be unable to carry out this function. The IPA would look at other alternatives. Also, the IPA had reached out to the Office of Continued Education, through the Arizona summer program, which involved youth grades three to twelve. The IPA had offered their youth information program services to the Office of Continued Education.

In April 2008, Liana Perez, Police Auditor gave a presentation at the Gender Equality Conference held at the Doubletree Hotel on performance and resources provided in the community through the Equal Opportunity Program and the Office of the Independent Police Auditors. Also, Ms. Perez and Robert Barton, Police Auditors, attended the TPD Commanders' quarterly training meeting. They discussed the resources that were available through the IPA.

Ms. Perez and Mr. Barton also stated that a presentation was made to the Governor's Citizen's Traffic Stop Advisory Board at a meeting held in Tucson. The Advisory Board was comprised of members from all over the state, and met in a different community every month. The Governor's Board provided

recommendations to the Governor regarding traffic stop issues and enforcement. Their presentation of the Independent Police Auditors' system and review process in Tucson was well received by the Governor's Board.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Police Auditor, stated the office received nine inquiries, seven complaints, and conducted a review of three files that were closed by Internal Affairs. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of eighteen fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by Internal Affairs.

6. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Captain Bob Shoun stated that he had no report, but wanted to introduce Assistant Police Chief John Leavitt. Captain Shoun stated, as mentioned at last month's meeting, a rotating assistant police chief would be assigned to attend the CPARB meetings. Assistant Police Chief Leavitt was representing the Chief's office.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

Lieutenant Reza, stated the annual police report was completed and sent to the Chair for review by e-mail, and Lieutenant Reza asked the Chair to forward the report to the CPARB Board members for review.

7. Recess

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to forego recess.

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

- 1. Case# 07-0775

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case # 07-0775 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

- 2. Case #07-0778

Motion by Barbara O' Brien, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case # 07-0778 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case #07-0815

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case # 07-0815 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for February 2008.

Item to be continued to a future meeting.

10. CPARB Subcommittee Reports

1. Brochure

Chair Thornton asked what the status was of the CPARB Brochure. Jennifer Lopez stated they were at a standstill because of the budget. Bob Barton, Police Auditor said all expenditures were on hold until June 30, 2008, the end of the fiscal year and budget discussions for next fiscal year had not been initiated.

2. Outreach

Vice Chair Murrieta handed out the proposed changes to the Citizens Police Advisory Review Board Bylaws, which were discussed by the Outreach subcommittee. Vice Chair Murrieta stated the way Ordinance 8843 was written limits the expansion of outreach activities of board members. Vice Chair Murrieta asked CPARB members to review the proposed changes and discuss the proposed changes at the June meeting. Once approved by the CPARB members, the proposed changes would be presented to Mayor and Council for consideration and approval.

3. Training

Cynthia Schiesel stated the Training subcommittee had not met, but planned to meet next week and would have an update at the June meeting.

11. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers

12. Report from the Chair/Announcements

- Chair Thornton stated there would be a Annual Memorial Event Service for fallen officers at the Main Station on May 21, 2008.

- Chair Thornton announced there would be a grand opening on May 29, 2008, for the Property and Evidence facility.
- Cynthia Schiesel announced Kathy May's husband passed away and condolences could be sent to Kathy via e-mail.
- Chair Thornton announced there was a conflict of interest with the candidate that was appointed to the CPARB committee as the Ward 1 representative. She stated the candidate was serving on another commission, and all the issues involving the committee member's appointment would be on hold until further notice. Stephen Nekolek stated he was interested in becoming the representative for Ward 1. Chair Thornton acknowledged his interest by asking him to contact Diana Rhodes, Council Aide to Council Member Romero.

13. Future Agenda Items

- Lieutenant Reza announced Captain Richards, Crimes Against Persons Division, would give a presentation about Crimes Against Persons and cold case assignments and investigations at the June meeting.
- The Board asked for a presentation on the selection process for acquiring the contract for towing.
- Bob Barton, Police Auditor, announced the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's (NACOLE) Annual Conference would be held on October 27 – 30, 2008 in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Chair Thornton asked the board to set a date for a training day, and asked that the board members consider what type of training they would like to receive.

14. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to adjourn.